proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House to be a member of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. Manmohan Singh from the membership of Rajya Sabha on the 14th June, 2001."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO ANIMAL WELFARE BOARD OF INDIA

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): Sir, I beg to move:

"That in pursuance of clause (i) of sub-section (I) of Section 5 read with sub-section (I) of Section 6 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 196O (59 of 1960), this House do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, two members from among the Members of the House to be the members of the Animal Welfare Board of India."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

FAREWELL TO THE RETIRING MEMBERS - *Contd.*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Thank you, Sir. Well, a strange thing has happened to me today. When I first entered this House fifteen years ago and made my maiden speech in the first Session that I attended, I did not find that I was nervous in the least. Such was the affection shown to me by the Members of this House and by the Chairman. But today, after 15 years, when the time has come to say farewell, I find that I do feel nervous. This is, I think, because of the great emotion that I feel in bidding farewell to all of you in the House. There have not been many times in my life when I have been at a loss for words. I find that today I find myself in that strange predicament. Though I have been accused of many things, usually of speaking too much or interrupting or speaking with permission or without permission, but it has never been said